RES 09-035

Wilmington, Delaware April 2, 2009

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Sponsors:

Public Safety Committee

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Council President Griffiths WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 97-051, amending Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including a requirement for Council approval by resolution and including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has sought to obtain grant funding from the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA") to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and the COPS Hiring Recovery Program totaling up to \$1,500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the said grants will provide funding to create and preserve police officer jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Wilmington Police Department to submit the aforesaid application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Police Department is hereby authorized to apply for funding from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance,

for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and the COPS Hiring Recovery Program in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Police Chief, Michael J. Szczerba, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to complete the filing of the grant application, including all undertakings and assurances taken heretofore, and, if and when the grant is forthcoming, to administer the grant and the grant program for the City of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council April 2, 2009

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Approved as to form this day of March, 2009.

Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution approves the filing of a grant application to the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and the COPS Hiring Recovery Program in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to provide funding to create and preserve police officer jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. No matching funds are required.